

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 9-13, add claims 14-17, and amend claims 2, 5 and 7.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently amended). A drill stand according to claim ~~13~~ 14, further comprising a locking bolt (8) for frictionally positively securing the post plate (3) on the vacuum plate (6).
3. (Original). A drill stand according to claim 2, wherein the post plate (3) has an elongate opening (10) extending radially to the rotational axis (A) of the annular core bit (2), and the locking bolt (8) extends through the elongate opening (10).
4. (Original). A drill stand according to claim 2, wherein the locking bolt (8) has a lever knob (9).
5. (Currently amended). A drill stand according to claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the post plate (3) has at least two alignment elements (11) longitudinally adjustable along surface normals to the separating plane (E).

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6. (Original). A drill stand according to claim 5, wherein the alignment elements (11) are formed as alignment screws.

7. (Currently amended). A drill stand according to claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the post plate (3) includes leveling means (12).

8. (Original). A drill stand according to claim 7, wherein the leveling means (12) is a boxed air level.

9-13. (Canceled).

14. (New). A drill stand for a core drilling machine (1) for driving an annular core bit (2) rotatable about a rotational axis (A), the drill stand comprising post means (5) for supporting the core drilling machine (1); a base plate for supporting the post means (5) and extending in a plane (E) extending substantially transverse to the rotational axis (A) of the core bit (2), the base plate being formed of a post plate (3) and a vacuum plate (6) securable with each other with a possibility of both linear displacement relative to each other in the plane (E) the base plate extends, and pivotal movement relative to each other; post attachment means (4) for securing the post means (5) on the post plate (3) and linearly displaceable in the plane of the base plate; and vacuum attachment means (7) for

mounting the vacuum plate (6) and, thereby, the base plate on a surface, wherein the post means 95) comprises two, spaced from each other and extending parallel to each other, upright posts (5) arranged circumferentially with respect to the rotational axis (A) of the annular core bit (2).

15. (New). A drill stand according to claim 14, wherein the two stand posts (5) are arranged symmetrically to each other with respect to the rotational axis (A) of the annular core bit (2).

16. (New). A drill stand for a core drilling machine (1) for driving an annular core bit (2) rotatable about a rotational axis (A), the drill stand comprising post means (5) for supporting the core drilling machine (1); a base plate for supporting the post means (5) and extending in a plane (E) extending substantially transverse to the rotational axis(A) of the core bit (2), the base plate being formed of a post plate (3) and a vacuum plate (6) securable with each other with a possibility of both linear displacement relative to each other in the plane (E) the base plate extends, and pivotal movement relative to each other; post attachment means (4) for securing the post means (5) on the post plate (3) and linearly displaceable in the plan of the base plate; and vacuum attachment means (7) for mounting the vacuum plate (6) and, thereby, the base plate on a surface, wherein

the post plate (3) has a concave recess (13) open toward the rotational axis (A) of the annular core bit (2).

17. (New). A drill stand for a core drilling machine (1) for driving an annular core bit (2) rotatable about a rotational axis (A), the drill stand comprising post means (5) for supporting the core drilling machine (1); a base plate for supporting the post means (5) and extending in a plane (E) extending substantially transverse to the rotational axis(A) of the core bit (2), the base plate being formed of a post plate (3) and a vacuum plate (6) securable with each other with a possibility of both linear displacement relative to each other in the plane (E) the base plate extends, and pivotal movement relative to each other; post attachment means (4) for securing the post means (5) on the post plate (3) and linearly displaceable in the plan of the base plate; and vacuum attachment means (7) for mounting the vacuum plate (6) and, thereby, the base plate on a surface, wherein a side of the post plate (3) adjacent to the vacuum plate (6) is shaped as a segment of a circle.